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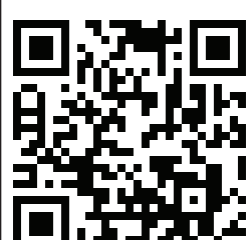
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On the Web



Check out the slideshow online for more images from the rally for Trayvon Martin. bit.ly/dt_trayvon_rally

Calendar

Spring into Giving

Help fellow students in need by visiting the Spring Into Giving activities at Gregory Plaza. Interactive stations at the event raise money for the Student Emergency Fund. The event will be held on the Gregory Gym Plaza from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Speaker series features judge

The Gateway Scholars Program's Distinguished Speaker Series welcomes guest speaker Ramey Ko, associate judge of the City of Austin Municipal Court. The event will be from 4-5 p.m. in WEL 1.308.

Dare to Ask!

Emily Amanatullah, assistant professor of management, presents a talk titled "Dare to Ask! Negotiating What Matters," which explores why research has found women to be less effective negotiators than men, and how women can change this workplace dynamic. The talk will be held from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the AT&T Conference Center and tickets for the event will be \$20.

Today in history

In 1984

On this day in 1984, Bob Irsay, owner of the once-mighty Baltimore Colts, moves the team to Indianapolis without any sort of public announcement.



WATCH TStv ON CHANNEL 15

9 p.m.

The Wingmen

In the pilot episode of the TSTV comedy starring Zach Anner, a radio show about dating earns a hefty FCC fine and gets fired after the host, Chris, explodes on air when he finds out his girlfriend cheated on him.

9:30 p.m. College Crossfire

Debate and discussion over men's and women's NCAA tournament, Peyton Manning's move to Denver, and what's in store for the Saints without Sean Payton



Thomas Allison | Daily Texan Staff

Dylan Hill, 12, marches down South Congress Avenue Tuesday afternoon during a rally held to protest the killing of Florida teen Trayvon Martin last month.

Protesters rally against racism

By Andrew Messamore
Daily Texan Staff

Echoing national outcry surrounding the killing of Trayvon Martin, more than 1,000 Austinites of different races and creeds marched down Congress Avenue to protest what they described as continuing institutional racism Tuesday evening.

Beginning at 5 p.m., organizers and Austinites began to congregate before the Texas Capitol gates to rally against the Feb. 26 killing. As the crowd began to

grow larger to include local politicians and UT groups including the Black Student Alliance and University Democrats, the initially silent protesters began to wave their signs and gather in a circle to sing "We Shall Overcome."

A 17-year-old African-American, Trayvon Martin was shot and killed in Sanford, Fla., while walking through a gated community to his father's fiancée's home, allegedly by a neighborhood watch volunteer, George Zimmerman.

Following the example of oth-

er rallies across the nation calling for Zimmerman's arrest and awareness about racial tensions in the United States, Tuesday's rally was created to raise awareness about institutional racism and senseless suspicion, said organizer James Nortey.

Nortey created the Facebook group for the event, along with former Texas House member Glen Maxey and three others.

"I think this resonates particularly in Austin, with its history of minority shootings," Nortey said. "People are shocked this is still

happening when it has been going on for decades. We need to be proactive about making sure this doesn't happen to a 17 year old in Austin."

Though Martin was unarmed, Zimmerman described Martin as suspicious and claimed the killing was in self-defense.

Because of Florida's "stand your ground" self-defense law, Zimmerman was not taken into custody and nationwide clamor for his arrest ensued after ten-

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Austin approves Apple operations center

By Andrew Messamore
Daily Texan Staff

Apple Inc. has announced it will create a \$304 million operations center in Austin after being attracted by the "new Silicon Valley" of Central Texas and acquiring funding from the city and state.

A unanimous vote by city council approved \$8.6 million in tax breaks for Apple when the company comes to Austin, which qualified the company for a \$21 million incentive from Gov. Rick Perry's state-funded Texas Enterprise Fund, a project designed to attract high-technology companies.

Austin Mayor Lee Leffingwell said he is very excited about the opening of Apple's "Americas Operations Center," which will be creating 3,600 management, distribution and advertising jobs in Austin.

"It's a huge deal to have a top ranked company like Apple come here," Leffingwell said. "Our tax payers will be making \$14.6 million off of sales and property taxes related to the facility and put more people to work."

Apple was also attracted to Austin because of the resources offered to the area by the large number of highly trained students coming out of the University of Texas, said Austin City Council member Bill Spelman.

"What brought Apple was the fact we have an elite computer science and electrical engineering department," Spelman said. "This facility is going to be a backroom for our stock, and they know we have the people who can fill the positions, and the University was a big part of that."

The vote came after a week of debate and negotiation with Apple on the necessity of using tax breaks to attract a company the size of Apple



to Austin.

Leffingwell said the tax breaks were absolutely necessary in negotiating with Apple.

"If the city didn't participate, the state grant would not have happened," Leffingwell said. "I think if they had not approved the tax breaks, then Apple would have looked elsewhere. A company like Apple doesn't tell us who they are in negotiation with, and they could have had 10 other offers."

Leffingwell also said the contract with Apple was performance based and the company would have to meet benchmarks for job creation and job benefits.

While bringing a high-end employer like Apple to Austin is good for the city, tougher negotiations should have happened, said mayoral candidate Brigid Shea.

"Right now we are giving the signal that we are pushover to companies wanting to come here," Shea said. "There hasn't been initiative from the mayor's office to be a tough negotiation on these issues."

The city is giving money away to companies while also saying that Austin doesn't have the funds to provide for basic services, Shea said.

"In 2011, the mayor's office waived \$4.3 million in fees for Marriott when it decided to open a new building downtown, fees that would have otherwise

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Photo illustration by Zen Ren

Student Government presidential candidate Thor Lund, left, and presidential candidate John Lawler, right, will face off for the presidency after six weeks of campaigning.

SG ELECTIONS 2012

By Jody Serrano

THOR LUND

WILLS BROWN

Q-and-A with SG candidate, Thor Lund

The Daily Texan: If elected, what will be the biggest challenge you will face?

Thor Lund: The biggest challenge is letting students know Student Government is there to serve them. A lot of things have come up this past election cycle that shows selfishness exists. Reaching back out and saying, "we're here for you," and [telling students we] want to hear their concern and want to take care of them.

DT: What do you feel is the most pressing issue facing UT next year?

Lund: The issue of budget cuts and tuition costs. This is a top tier academic university and we can't let the integrity of that be diminished in any way. We need to work with administrators. No one is in favor of

JOHN LAWLER

TERRENCE MAAS

Q-and-A with SG candidate, John Lawler

The Daily Texan: If elected, what will be the biggest challenge you will face?

Lawler: Day one. Getting organized and mobilized to begin pushing our platform here on campus and locally. We invite that challenge though. There is generally apathy toward SG and the initiatives it propels, but we have to show people we're serious about our platform. It's on us to face it.

DT: What do you feel is the most pressing issue facing UT next year?

Lawler: Issues of state funding and funding to neighborhoods on campus. The Legislative session in the fall will be critical for students. [The question is] are we going to have the

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Governor accepts large contributions from Regents

By Liz Farmer
Daily Texan Staff

The UT System Board of Regents' personal donations to the Texans for Rick Perry campaign totaled more than \$1.9 million from 2000 to Jan. 1, according to a Daily Texan analysis of financial reports from the Texas Ethics Commission.

Governor Rick Perry appoints the Regents to serve six year terms which are then approved by the state Senate. There are no UT System Regent rules or state campaign finance laws that prohibit the giving or receiving of personal donations from people serving in governor-appointed offices.

Andrew Wheat, research director of Texans for Public Justice, said there is a clear pattern in which a disproportionately large share of the regents have been major donors.

"Do the campaign contributions seem to affect appointments? That seems pretty clear," Wheat said. "Not only is there a lot of money changing hands, but there's a loyalty oath. It's not to the students, but it's to the governor."

Perry pressed regents across the state to push the Texas Public Policy Foundation's higher education reforms last year. UT System Regent Brenda Pejoich serves on the board of directors for the TPPF, a conservative think tank that values teaching, financial productivity of professors and efficiency in

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NEWS BRIEFLY

UN-imposed truce undermined by continuing fighting in Syria

QAA, Lebanon — Syria accepted a cease-fire drawn up by U.N. envoy Kofi Annan on Tuesday, but the diplomatic breakthrough was swiftly overshadowed by intense clashes between government soldiers and rebels that sent bullets flying into Lebanon.

Opposition members accuse President Bashar Assad of agreeing to the plan to stall for time as his troops make a renewed push to kill off bastions of dissent. And the conflict just keeps getting deadlier: The U.N. said the death toll has grown to more than 9,000, a sobering assessment of a devastating year-old crackdown on the uprising that shows no sign of ending.

Annan's announcement that Syria had accepted his peace plan was met with deep skepticism.

NASA fires long-delayed rockets to study upper-air jet stream

NORFOLK, Va. — Milky white chemical clouds were briefly visible in much of the night sky along the Eastern seaboard on Tuesday after NASA launched a series of rockets to study the jet stream at the edge of the earth's atmosphere.

The five sounding rockets began blasting off just before 5 a.m. from NASA's Wallops Island facility on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Each of the rockets was fired about 80 seconds apart and released a chemical cloud so that scientists could see little-understood winds about 65 miles above the earth's surface.

Data gathered from the experiment should allow scientists to better model the electromagnetic regions of space that can damage satellites and affect radio communications.

Scientists also hope the experiment will help explain how atmospheric disturbances in one part of the globe can be transported to other parts of the globe in a day or two.

— Compiled from Associated Press reports



Ahn Young-joon | Associated Press

A mock North Korea's Scud-B missile, center, and other South Korean missiles are displayed at the Korea War Memorial Museum in Seoul.

Summit to brunt nuclear terrorism

By Foster Klug & Christopher Bodeen
The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Material that can be used to make nuclear bombs is stored in scores of buildings spread across dozens of countries. If even a fraction of it fell into the hands of terrorists, it could be disastrous.

Nearly 60 world leaders who gathered Tuesday in Seoul for a nuclear security summit agreed to work on securing and accounting for all nuclear material by 2014. But widespread fear lingers about the safety of nuclear material in countries including former Soviet states, Pakistan, North Korea, Iran and India.

While the threat of nuclear terrorism is considered lower now than a

decade ago, the nightmare scenario of a terrorist exploding a nuclear bomb in a major city isn't necessarily the far-fetched stuff of movies.

"It would not take much, just a handful or so of these materials, to kill hundreds of thousands of innocent people and that's not an exaggeration, that's the reality that we face," President Barack Obama told world leaders at the meeting, a follow-up to a summit he hosted in Washington in 2010.

Building a nuclear weapon isn't easy, but a bomb similar to the one that obliterated Hiroshima is "very plausibly within the capabilities of a sophisticated terrorist group," according to Matthew Bunn, an associate professor at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

There's an "immense differ-

ence between the difficulty of making safe, reliable weapons for use in a missile or combat aircraft and making crude, unsafe, unreliable weapons for delivery by truck," Bunn said.

The Nuclear Threat Initiative, a Washington-based nonproliferation group that tracks the security of world nuclear stockpiles, said in a January report that 32 countries have weapons-usable nuclear materials. Some countries, such as the United States, maintain strict controls already. However others, including Russia and other former Soviet republics, have struggled to secure their stocks, raising fears of "loose nukes" falling into the

hands of terrorist groups.

It's unclear how nations will enforce the summit's goal of securing nuclear material by 2014. The International Atomic Energy Agency shares best practices for securing nuclear material, but the U.N. body has no power to enforce its recommendations.

Other recent nuclear scares include a suspected attempt by a crime syndicate in the eastern European country of Moldova to sell weapons-grade uranium to buyers in North Africa. Officials in the country told The Associated Press that 2.2 pounds of highly enriched uranium remains in criminal hands and is probably in another country.

Court justices split hairs on health care

By Connie Cass
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It boiled down to a debate over broccoli. And bread. And burial plots. If government can tell people to buy health insurance, Supreme Court justices wanted to know, what else could it make them buy?

Throughout Tuesday's hearing on the health care law, the justices and lawyers argued over perfect product to show the limits of the federal government's power over interstate markets.

"Everybody has to buy food sooner or later, so you define the market as food, therefore, everybody is in the market; therefore, you can make people buy broccoli," offered Justice Antonin Scalia, obviously resistant to expanding government's reach.

"That's quite different," responded Solicitor General Donald Verrilli, arguing for the health insurance mandate. Unlike grocery shopping, medical care is a market "in which your participation is often unpredictable and often involuntary." And the care of patients who don't pay gets passed on to everyone else as higher taxes and insurance premiums.

Verrilli preferred his own examples: the law is like regulation of telephone rates or price supports for milk.

— How about mandatory burial insurance, ventured conservative Justice Samuel Alito. "Everybody is going to be buried or cremated at some point. What's the difference?"

— Chief Justice John Roberts wanted to know if people could be forced to buy cellphones for 911 calls.

But Roberts, seeming to tire of the parade of products, cut him off by saying that doesn't address the government's argument — that everybody needs health care "and all they're regulating is how you pay for it."

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- The Daily Texan editor
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ENDORSEMENT

Vote for John Lawler and Terrence Maas

The Daily Texan Editorial Board endorses John Lawler and Terrence Maas for Student Government president and vice president. The Lawler/Maas campaign has made several pledges to the student body that include improving safety and promoting sustainability on campus. Though the campaign uses many vacuous buzzwords, such as “accountability” and “affordability,” Lawler’s track record shows he is capable of making progress in many of the areas he and Maas identify in their campaign.

This year, contention surrounded the proposed tuition increases, and though next year is not a tuition-setting year, it will prove no different. Lawler, who has served as a College of Liberal Arts representative for nearly three years, is knowledgeable of the tuition-setting process and understands that next year, students will need to lobby the Legislature to minimize higher education budget cuts. He recognizes that increased state support for higher education can ultimately alleviate any need for tuition increases in the future.

In addition, Lawler and Maas are committed to advocating student issues at the city level, such as single-member districts and neighborhood alliances. Lawler served for two years on the West Campus Neighborhood Association, which reviews and provides feedback on proposed changes to the neighborhood before implementation. When the city proposed to add 400 parking meters to the West Campus area, Lawler brought students into the discussion and fought for the neighborhood to receive more of the revenue from the meters.

Though Maas, who has no experience in SG, can bring a fresh perspective to the organization, he has a lot to learn about how not only SG, but the University operates. Maas has not yet been tasked with engaging the University, but as vice president, he would serve as the chair of the Student Services Budget Committee, a responsibility that requires extensive knowledge of organizations and students on campus. Despite his inexperience with SG, Maas serves on the Inter-Cooperative Council board of directors, where he is partly responsible for overseeing a multimillion dollar budget. This experience will serve him well on the SSBC.

Lawler touts the referendum he authored on tuition, while working as a representative in SG. While it is important to gather student input, we hope Lawler does not rely on referenda as the only means to engage with students. Instead, he and Maas must work to mobilize the student body to voice their opinions on the issues that matter to them. Lawler should realize that the bolder his demands are, the more student support he needs, and with less student support, he may have to make some compromises.

Nonetheless, we are confident that Lawler and Maas are qualified and able to lead the student body next year. Though we admire the sincerity of opponents Thor Lund and Wills Brown, we believe their shallow understanding of University and SG operations and their lack of understanding of the roles of SG president and vice president would be detrimental to their term in office.

While no candidates are perfect, Lawler and Maas would be best equipped to lead the University next year as it continues to face a variety of internal and external challenges.

The Firing Line: Tuesday’s editorial cartoon

Editor’s note: An editorial cartoon on the Trayvon Martin case that ran Tuesday has generated many responses, several of which appear below:

In light of all of the incredibly offensive, racist material on campus and online this week, I’d like to encourage every Longhorn to refrain from rushing to judgment or letting anger take over in the form of a knee-jerk reaction. In times like these, it’s very easy to have such a response, but the results are often short-lived and ineffective.

Our campus needs to come together as one and work to build a tolerant and understanding community on the 40 Acres. Instead of engaging one another online with inflammatory remarks, I challenge every student to reach out to one another in person and have effective, meaningful dialogue about the ways in which we can confront racism and inequality on our campus and in society at large.

Andrew Nash
Theater and dance senior

I was very disappointed to see The Daily Texan publish a disrespectful cartoon trivializing the death of Trayvon Martin. Since when do people use the word “colored” anymore? Why was this published? The cartoon was neither funny nor well-rendered. As a Texan, I’m embarrassed that The Daily Texan has joined the chorus of ignorant media in the wake of a tragedy.

Susana Lopez
Houston, TX

I can’t believe The Daily Texan would run such a tasteless cartoon in Tuesday’s issue. Have we regressed back to the 1960s? I am disappointed in your decision to run this story in a city and University that is plagued with race issues. I hope appropriate action is taken and that editorial staff is fired or reprimanded for the cartoon.

Joel de la Rosa
Community member and UT alumnus

I’ll keep this short. “Yellow journalism” is defined as “a type of journalism that presents little or no legitimate well-researched news and instead uses eye-catching headlines to sell more newspapers.” So, after happening across the Trayvon — not Treyvon, as you misspelled it in your abhorrent cartoon — Martin commentary you printed today, I was floored not only by the blatant racism but by your incorrect application of the term “yellow journalism.” My advice to you amateurs — since clearly you haven’t been keeping up with the play-by-play on the Martin/Zimmerman case — is to read. And then when you finish reading, start reading more. Why? Because that’s what real, objective journalists with enough talent to at least mask their bigotry do. They read first, think second and write last.

William Igbokwe
Communication senior

Even as an opinion piece, this comic is appalling. There was a 17-year-old boy murdered in all of this, and it’s the journalist’s duty to handle this kind of situation with respect and responsibility in deciding what to print, and sadly The Daily Texan did neither. Being that The Daily Texan is a student-run publication, we question the integrity and proficiency of your editors in making these kinds of decisions without experienced faculty and advisers to guide them in what is appropriate. After all, in the real news world, jobs are lost over mistakes like these just as this issue must be addressed by more than a simple statement from The Daily Texan. This has been an embarrassment to the University and the students who attend. We hope that, in the future, situations like these can be avoided by handling issues like these with much more sensitivity to life lost and the families and students who are mourning in this time.

Priscilla Thompson
President of the National Association of Black Journalists

We, as concerned students of the University of Texas at Austin, are appalled at the lack of sympathy and insensitivity The Daily Texan expressed in the cartoon it published yesterday. The Trayvon Martin case has sparked a national conversation on a number of issues, but it appears the Texan would like to reduce this discussion to a shallow debate and, in the process, dismiss the very real outrage and grief felt not just by the family but also by millions across the nation. Students at UT and concerned Americans across the country are in the midst of grief and are showing the courage to ask for a national conversation on a topic that has both plagued us for decades and has been very difficult to engage in.

We are disappointed by the tone and disrespect conveyed in this illustration and extremely disappointed our University-funded newspaper would add this stigma into the mix, especially at such a sensitive time. Though it seems ironic that this cartoon would run on the very day the University would announce a Campus Climate Response Team, it is only an unfortunate insult to African-Americans and their allies here on campus and beyond.

James Briley and Jasmine Kyles
Nutrition junior and journalism junior, respectively

Much of the criticism of the cartoon boils down to general displeasure with the case itself, not the editorial cartoon, which is doing what editorial cartoons do: taking a tepidly controversial idea and making it explosively controversial so the less-educated but more-enthusiastic crowd will be able to get in on the fun. There is a certain air of truth to the cartoon: The media often does frame stories in a way that allows you to easily pick a side or form an opinion because, let’s be honest, gray

areas are not the American public’s forte.

So is the cartoon overstating that opinion to a bitter, if not tasteless, degree? It wouldn’t be an editorial cartoon if it weren’t. I get that some people are offended by the use of the word “colored” because it harkens back to a time when white people were white and everyone else was colored. But that’s seemingly part of the point of the editorial cartoon’s narrative: Viewership and readership statistics show the American public has a greater interest in white on non-white crime than any other combination. It’s not a particularly clever cartoon, nor is its message, media bias, remotely new. But if you want to be angry with the cartoon, be angry with its implied message (and typo), not with the actual case and extrapolated assumptions that frankly give the cartoon too much credit. And certainly don’t be angry with The Daily Texan, which has every right to run something neither it nor you may agree with. This whole ordeal kind of proves the fact that people are more interested in a narrative — newspaper runs “racist” cartoon — than the ambiguity of reality: opinion section runs somebody’s opinion.

Jeremy Burchard
Rhetoric and writing and radio-television-film graduate
Former associate editor, The Daily Texan

Stephanie Eisner’s recent cartoon on the death of Trayvon Martin is simply rubbish. As a Daily Texan reader, I have come to expect more from this staff. Regardless of what Eisner was trying to say about the racial tensions surrounding this case, the manner in which she did so transcends “provocative” and “shocking” to become simply “in poor taste.” A young man is dead and that is not a matter to be taken lightly. Mocking him by sarcastically noting how the media has framed him as “handsome” and “innocent” is just horrifying. I understand that Eisner is more so trying to provide commentary on the manner in which the media has portrayed the case, but her work has backfired. The real issue is the use of words such as “colored,” regardless of how powerful the artist attempts to make her work.

Please urge your staff to think about the painful past behind these sorts of words before they use them — even if they’re doing so ironically — and about the fact that even if they’re trying to make some sort of commentary on, say, objective journalism, there is a fine line between insulting the victim and criticizing the system. Though not a fan of censorship, work such as this has no place in The Daily Texan. Eisner is certainly welcome to share her offensive words or images on her own personal website, but she has many viewers disappointed with your newspaper’s lack of quality control.

Gabrielle Bouzigard
Philosophy and radio-television-film senior



Moving forward from a disheartening election

By Madison Gardner
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

The past month has been an adventure to say the least. I know most students probably don’t care much for Student Government, but I really believe in what the organization can do for students. I’m incredibly proud of our campaign to unite students and to inspire support for noble and realistic solutions to some of the most serious problems on campus. Regardless of our candidacy, more students today understand and support efforts to increase student engagement, retention, affordability, services, safety and traditions than did when we began our campaign almost a month ago.

After being disqualified — for the second time — we’ve conceded that our passions and commitment are meant for something else. There are many things I know we would have accomplished. I hope that the next administration takes their responsibility very seriously and represents students to administrators, legislators and the Board of Regents.

I do not want to write about how we were wrongly disqualified twice. I do want to express my dissatisfaction with the entire election process and how hard it is to campaign for the support of 50,000 students only to be removed from the ballot for a petty mistake. Although there is no other case of disqualification for an honest mistake, I hope students realize the effect this has had and will have on campus. Ultimately, the legitimacy of our representation and claim to leadership comes from the unrestricted voices and votes of students.

As a servant of the students, I truly admire all of you. Serving in SG for three years and running for student body president at the University of Texas at Austin have been my life’s most extraordinary pleasure and humbling honor. Therefore, I ask all of our supporters to resist despair; our belief and cause go on. Individually, our accomplishments are some of the best in the nation. United, we change the world.

Gardner is a former Student Government presidential candidate.

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Trayvon Martin editorial cartoon causes backlash

By Huma Munir
Daily Texan Staff

An editorial cartoon about the Trayvon Martin case published on Tuesday's Daily Texan Opinion page sparked controversy both on and off campus.

The cartoon shows a mother reading to her child the following words: "And then ... the big bad white man killed the handsome, sweet, innocent colored boy," She is also holding a book with the title "Treyvon (sic) Martin and the case of yellow journalism." The cartoon misspells Martin's first name.

Trayvon Martin was a 17-year-old, African-American teenager from Sanford, Fla., who was killed last month allegedly by George Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch volunteer who claims the shooting was in self-defense. The case has sparked a heated, national discussion on the nature of contemporary racism.

Several organizations on campus and local media outlets contacted the Texan via email, phone and social networks to seek an explanation of the intention behind the cartoon. National and local media, including Gawker and Huffington Post, reported about the cartoon.

Ashley Robinson, president of the Black Student Alliance on campus, said she finds the word "colored" problematic.

"It [the word] is associated with the time of segregation, and I was surprised to see it printed in The Daily Texan," Robinson said.

She said she recognizes that editorial cartoons are meant to start a conversation, but it was bad timing since it aligned with a rally held at the Capitol Tuesday evening, called "Justice for Trayvon."

Stephanie Eisner, political cartoonist for The Texan and the author of the cartoon, said she drew the cartoon in an attempt to criticize the media's portrayal of the issue. She said some of the media seems to be sensationalizing the facts and making race the more prominent

aspect of the case.

"I feel the news should be unbiased. And in the retelling of this particular event, I felt that that was not the case," Eisner said. "My story compared this situation to yellow journalism in the past, where aspects of news stories were blown out of proportion with the intention of selling papers and enticing emotions."

She said she understands people can misinterpret her message, and in the future she will be mindful of trying to get her message across more successfully.

Assistant English professor Snehal Shingavi attended the Justice for Trayvon rally and march in Austin Tuesday and started a petition urging the Texan to censor Eisner's work. He said the petition also asks for open discussions with The Texan's staff on racial bias.

Viviana Aldous, editor-in-chief of The Daily Texan, said the editorial board does not agree with the perceived message of the cartoon. The editorial board approves all content on the opinion page.

"As an editorial board, our job is to allow the Opinion page to serve as a forum for people across campus," Aldous said.

On March 22, the Texan ran a syndicated illustration on the Opinion page, criticizing the "stand your ground" law in Florida, which allows a person to use deadly force in self-defense when there is a perceived threat. Some have used the law to justify Zimmerman's actions.

She said publishing responses to Tuesday's controversial cartoon, which appear in today's paper, ensures that Opinion page remains an open forum for the Texan's readers.

Graduate advertising student Amber Chenevert, the vice president of the Black Graduate Students Association, said she understands editorial cartoons have a degree of satire, but something that alludes to racial profiling being a myth is troubling.

"We have to question whether we are perpetuating ignorance or excellence on campus," Chenevert said.



Former New York stock trader Garret Bauer speaks to students Tuesday night about facing an up to 11-year federal prison sentence after committing one of the largest insider trading schemes in history. The Texas Undergraduate Investment Team hosted the lecture to advise students to avoid illegal activities.

Reformed criminal speaks with students

By Sylvia Butanda
Daily Texan Staff

A former insider trader who is soon facing life behind bars advised students to steer clear of illegal activities that may cause them to end up in his position.

The Texas Undergraduate Investment Team hosted a talk featuring Garrett Bauer, a New York stock trader who committed one of the largest insider trading schemes that earned him around \$37 million and is now facing an up to 11-year sentence in federal prison. Bauer spoke to students Tuesday night via video chat about the crimes he committed and the consequences he faces now because of his illegal activities.

Finance and business honors senior Anuj Khandelwal, co-head of TUIT, said insider trading is a white-collar crime with no real harm to one person, but it can entice many professionals in the finance world.

"As students and soon-to-be professionals, we make decisions everyday — some ethical and some not," Khandelwal said. "However, we want to educate students and ensure that they perform ethically in the wake of a tough decision."

Bauer's insider trading scandal began when his former partner in insider trading turned in Bauer and the lawyer involved with their insider-trading scheme to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"Many years ago, the two of them found out a possible

merger and were looking for a trader to trade a stock for them, and that's when they called me," Bauer said. "I'm considered a 'tippee' because I received illegal information from one of my closest friends of 20 years who got his information from a lawyer."

Bauer said he knew what he was doing was wrong but thought he would not be caught because insider trading meant only using specific pieces of information, as opposed to doing his own research.

"I would see people getting arrested on TV and read stories about insider trading online, and I just thought I was different," Bauer said. "I didn't think about the consequences; I just thought about how much money I would make and I

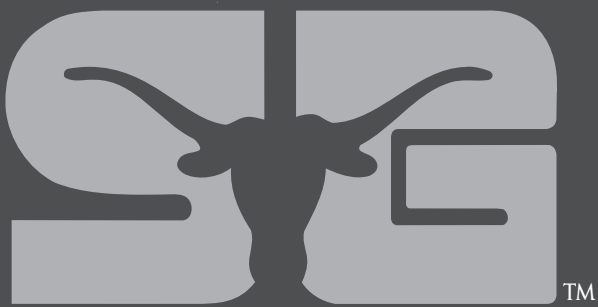
honestly didn't think about getting caught."

Bauer was charged with insider trading in April 2011 and pled guilty in December 2011. His prison sentence is scheduled to begin May 1.

Sabine Wimmer, administrative associate for the Center for International Business Education and Research, said Bauer explained insider trading in a way that students can understand it.

"[Bauer] felt in his mind that it wasn't insider trading because he did all his own research, but he did a good job in telling students what it is," Wimmer said. "You can learn all you want but it's a different lesson to see what somebody's losing because of insider trading."

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Texas Relays return for 85th year

Longhorns welcome pros, former stars

By Lexy Gonzalez
Daily Texan Staff

Thousands will descend on Mike A. Myers Track & Soccer Stadium this week for the 85th Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays.

The mass of energized fans will be overwhelming, and the athletic talent even thicker. Professional track stars will compete, as well as colleges from around the country and local high schools.

The four-day event beginning Wednesday will feature some of the most elite competitors yet, including nine former Longhorn elites. Each day will consist of a morning and afternoon session, as well as the annual fish fry on Thursday evening from 6:30-9 p.m.

Junior hurdler Keiron Stewart and the Longhorns circle this event on the calendar each year.

"It's always a great atmosphere," Stewart said. "Texas Relays' fans always come out and cheer for everybody, no matter where you're from. It's always a great experience for everyone, not just Texas athletes."

One notable competitor is Trey Hardee, a two-time World Champion and 2005 NCAA Decathlon Champion. Hardee plans to amp up the level of competition and excitement as he competes in the long

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Keiron Stewart
Event: Hurdles
Lawrence Peart | Daily Texan Staff file photo

Danielle Dowie
Event: Hurdles
Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan Staff file photo

Texas embraces chance to showcase talent, depth

By Kristin Otto
Daily Texan Staff

To Longhorns coach Beverly Kearney, the Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays are much more than a sporting event.

"This is a chance for us to really show off the greatness of our city. Everybody [is] growing to love Texas and to love Austin. This is an event that gives us an opportunity to enjoy it. The Relays have blossomed into the urban music festival and so many other events representing so many other components of our community that it's grown bigger than just the [meet]."

From today through Saturday, 2,212 participants from 200 university and college teams, 4,179 athletes from 631 different high schools and 136 invitational elites are scheduled to take part in the Texas Relays. In total, the current roster boasts 6,527 entries.

Entering its 85th year, the meet, named after former UT men's track and field and football coach Clyde Littlefield, has been hosted by the University of Texas in Austin since 1925. However, women were not invited to participate in the Texas Relays until 1963.

At this year's event, 32 Longhorn women (12 seniors, five juniors, 10 sophomores and five freshmen) are entered on the roster to compete in the meet. The athletes will take on a wide variety of challenges, including seven individual races, three relays, two medleys and six field events.

The first day includes four heptathlon events — the 100-meter hurdles, the high jump, the shot put and the 200-meter dash.

On Thursday, Angele Cooper, Danielle Dowie and Alicia

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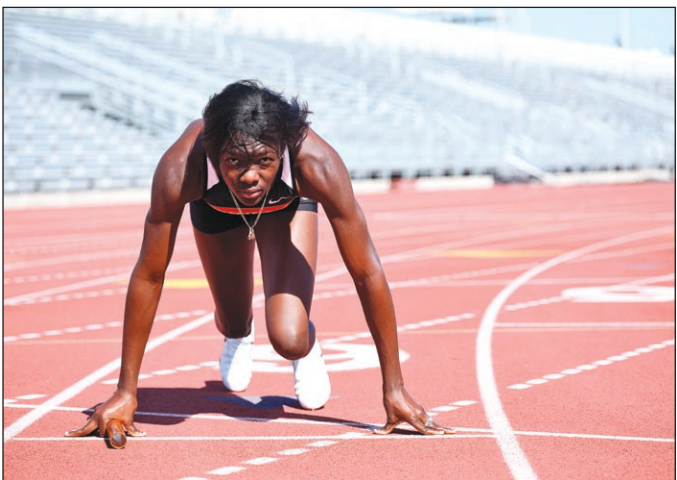
Coach likens Peter to UT Olympian

By Kristin Otto
Daily Texan Staff

Head coach Beverly Kearney sees many similarities between sophomore Allison Peter and former Longhorn Sanya Richards-Ross.

"The only difference between Sanya Richards and Allison Peter is that Sanya Richards came in way more developed — both mentally and physically," Kearney said. "It's taken some time for [Peter] to really realize how great she really is. And so physically she's catching up and as we can see mentally, she's really beginning to step up."

Richards-Ross will return to her alma mater this week for the Texas Relays. The NCAA Champion and Olympic Gold medalist is scheduled to run in the 100-meter dash. She will also run a leg as part of the Hart of Texas relay team in the 4x400-meter relay — the same event in which she, as a sophomore, and her teammates set the still-stand-



Caleb Fox | Cactus yearbook file photo

Allison Peter, a sophomore, has drawn comparisons to former Longhorn and Olympic gold-medalist Sanya Richards.

ing Texas Relays record in 2004. Kearney embraces the return of former Longhorns because it gives current athletes a standard to reach.

"We're going to have just an amazing group of former Olympians competing," Kearney said. "I've got to give a little love to the Texas Olympians that are

going to be competing here this weekend ... It's just an amazing opportunity for us to honor and get an opportunity to watch Texas Olympians."

With two second place finishes at the 2012 NCAA Indoor Championships, in the 200-meter and as

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BASEBALL



Jonathan Walsh, 33, tries to throw a runner out in a recent game for Texas. Walsh carried UT offensively last weekend against Kansas State.

Pu Ying Huang
Daily Texan file photo

Junior outfielder Walsh finds swing

By Chris Hummer
Daily Texan Staff

Jonathan Walsh was born to be a baseball player.

At 6-foot-3, 220 pounds, Walsh is the perfect blend of power and speed that can intimidate pitchers in the batter's box and make

incredible plays in the outfield.

On top of his major league ready stature, he comes from an athletic background that almost ensured that he was destined to shine on the diamond. His grandfather was drafted into the Brooklyn Dodgers organization, his father played college football at Ne-

braska and all three of his brothers played college baseball — including his twin brother, who plays at UT-Arlington.

"Growing up I was never lonely, I always had them to go play with," Walsh said. "Being the

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SOFTBALL

UT hits the road once more looking to extend win streak

By Garrett Callahan
Daily Texan Staff

It's almost time for the Longhorns to come back to Austin. Today is their last game on their road trip after traveling to Hawaii and up north to Iowa during an eight game stretch.

Texas only has to go down I-10 for this one as they face off against the University of Houston Cougars.

Tonight's game is more than just a softball game. Every year the University of Houston teams up with the Houston Affiliate of Susan G. Komen For The Cure to have a Strike Out Breast Cancer game, and this year it falls on their single game showdown against the Longhorns.

The idea started when the Cougars were trying to recruit a player whose mother had breast cancer and every year it raises a large amount of money for the cure. Last year's game raised nearly \$11,000, which went to the Ko-

men Houston Affiliate. A silent auction will take place just before the game where multiple Longhorn and Cougar items will be auctioned off.

The Longhorns (26-2) are ranked No. 8 in the nation. Coming off a three game conference series with Iowa State, they are on a roll and ready for their next challenge.

Last year Texas played the Cougars twice, once in early March and the other in early May. They split the games, with Texas winning the first 4-1 but losing the second 1-0. Historically, Houston has been a tough opponent for Texas; in the past four years they have gone 3-3 against the in-state rival.

The Cougars are 18-13 on the season so far and are coming off a three-game sweep against Memphis. In that series they outscored their opponent 21-1. Currently they are on an eight-game

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Jaylen Bond
@Jay_Bond2

"I love the offseason, chance to work on my weaknesses"

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Ridley reaffirms commitment, will sign with Texas next month

Texas recruit Cameron Ridley will sign his letter of intent and play for the Longhorns next season, Ridley told ESPN's Dave Telep.

Ridley is a 6-foot-10, 230-pound center from Bush High School in Fort Bend. He verbally committed to UT in January of 2011 but did not sign a National Letter of Intent during the fall signing period. Ridley can sign on April 11.

The Longhorns have two forwards currently on the roster, so Ridley will add depth to the frontcourt. Jonathan Holmes and Jaylen Bond are the lone forwards returning next season.

Ridley is a McDonald's All-American this year.

— Austin Layman

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jump and discus on Friday and 110-meter hurdles on Saturday. Three other former UT stars — Leonel Manzano, Jacob Hernandez and Kyle Miller — will debut together in the 800-meter run. Manzano and Hernandez each won multiple NCAA titles, and Miller is also an All-American. Longhorns young and old will attempt to steal this year's Most Outstanding College Team award back from rival Texas A&M. The Aggies' men

claimed that spot at the 84th Relays with four individual relay titles in the 4x100, 4x400, 4x800 and sprint medley. Texas' men show great potential in hopes to improve upon the amount of burnt orange atop this Relay's medal stand. In 2011 the Longhorns finished with 10 events featuring athletes finishing among the top six. And even more astonishing is the fact that a majority of those men are returning competitors.

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Peterson will be the first UT women of the Relays to hit the track in the 400-meter hurdles prelims. Texas boasts six runners on the roster for the final event of the night, the 5000-meter run; The group includes Julie Amthor, Marielle Hall, Jessica Harper, Connor Ward, Laleh Mojtabaezamani and Virginia Simon. Friday is trisected into primarily preliminary-packed sessions. The morning session includes the prelims for the 4x100 meter relay, the 100-meter hurdles, the 100-meter dash and the 4x400-meter relay. Running in some of these events for Texas are first team All-Americans Allison Peter, Dowie, Christy Udoh and Kendra Chambers. In the field events, senior Jessica Doyle and junior Natasha

Masterson will attempt the pole vault and, later in the afternoon, senior Okwukwe Okolie will compete in the Section A discus throw. The sole collegiate women's event on Friday is the 1600 sprint medley invitational in which four of five listed Longhorns — Chalonda Goodman, Peter, Chambers, Hall and Chamique Francis — will be selected to close out the day. The last day of Texas Relays will begin with sophomore Bertha Sencherey competing in the morning session's discus throw. Saturday's afternoon session will include field event prelims and finals; notable athletes that will be representing UT are sophomores Shanay Briscoe, first team honors recipient in the high jump, and long-jumper A'Lexus Brannon.

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part of the 4x400 meter relay, there is no doubt that Peter is on a fast track to establishing herself as one of the best athletes in the nation. In a whirlwind of recent success, the sophomore has turned to Kearney, as well to former athletes such as Richards-Ross, for motivation and guidance. "Her humbleness and her composure — that's what I admire about her," Peter said. Richards-Ross' returning to the Relays is an incentive for Peter, who has intentions of pursuing a professional career as an athlete, to fully realize her potential.

“
[Sanya Richards-Ross]
humbleness and her
composure—that’s
what I admire
about her.
— Allison Peter, sophomore sprinter



Courtney Craig reaches second in a recent game for UT. The senior homered and drove in four runs in her last game against Iowa State.

Zen Ren
Daily Texan Staff

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winning streak in which their pitching staff has caused their opponents much trouble at bat. Texas is confident going into their last game on this road trip, however.

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younger one, I was lucky that they would let me tag along with them. They were rough on me, but it's made me a lot better of a player and made me tougher." Those lessons learned in backyard contests and brawls have carried over to Disch-Falk Field and the Texas' lineup. Walsh moved into the cleanup spot in the order early on in the season, and has excelled hitting at a team leading .360 clip — after a 9-15 performance in last weekend's series against Kansas State. "I'm seeing the ball real well right now; it's like a beach ball to me," Walsh said. "I feel really confident stepping into the batter's box." Walsh will look to continue his strong play late today when Texas (13-9) hosts UT-Pan American. Walsh, who hit near the bottom of the Longhorn order last year in his sophomore season, has embraced his new role and has enjoyed the RBI opportunities and responsibilities that come with it. He also said that hitting behind a player the quality of Erich Weiss never hurts. However, the rare thing about

er. The Longhorns are led by senior Courtney Craig who went 2-2 in the last game against Iowa State. She recorded a home run and four RBIs in the game and broke the scoring open in the third inning where Texas scored eight runs. With that home run, Craig moved into sixth place for all-time home runs at UT where she is tied with teammate Lexy Bennett.

As both teams look for a win, they are teaming up for a good cause and a chance to help end breast cancer. After the Longhorns are finished in Houston they come back to Austin to continue more nonconference games. Right now the team is focused on tallying more wins and game-by-game moving up in the rankings.

Walsh is that he has stepped up when moved into the cleanup role, a position in which most players usually struggle, because they press and try to play outside of themselves to aid the team. "Some people get intimidated by it and think it's too much responsibility, but he liked it," said head coach Augie Garrido. "He's got a lot of leadership skills and a lot of baseball savvy, he's probably one of the most instinctive and smart players here. He recognizes the details of the game both offensively and defensively." Things haven't always been that easy for Walsh. Last season he had his difficulties at the plate hitting only .254. That number isn't bad, but when you consider the potential he has, those numbers are pedestrian compared to his capabilities. His coaches have noticed a real difference in him this season. "He is more mature and confident in his ability," said associate head coach Tommy Harmon. "We've always known he's had the ability, but he's had trouble settling down and staying hooked up. He'd have flashes of brilliance and then wouldn't hit for two weeks, and then go through another stretch. He was real streaky. But now that he's gotten older, he's able to calm himself down and stay more consistent."

The other thing that has played into Walsh's transformation is a technical adjustment in the batter's box. Last season, he had an upper-cut swing that caused him to either pull balls foul or hit pop ups, but this summer he worked to get his hands higher in his forward swing, putting more backspin on the ball, which encourages line drives. "Last year my hands were down low, under my shoulder, but with my hands up higher it helps me swing down on the ball and get some backspin, and puts me into a better rhythm at the plate," Walsh said. With the way Walsh is playing this season and his family history it will come as no surprise that he was drafted out of high school, but instead of signing he made the decision to come to the 40 Acres and compete for a championship. But now, his time in Austin has been more defined by the experiences and fun he's had with his teammates. "I wouldn't change the three years I've had here, not just the baseball but the people I've met and the fun I've had. The people and memories I made here will never leave," Walsh said. "One of my major goals is to play pro ball, but I know that will be there and I can start that chapter in my life when I'm done here."

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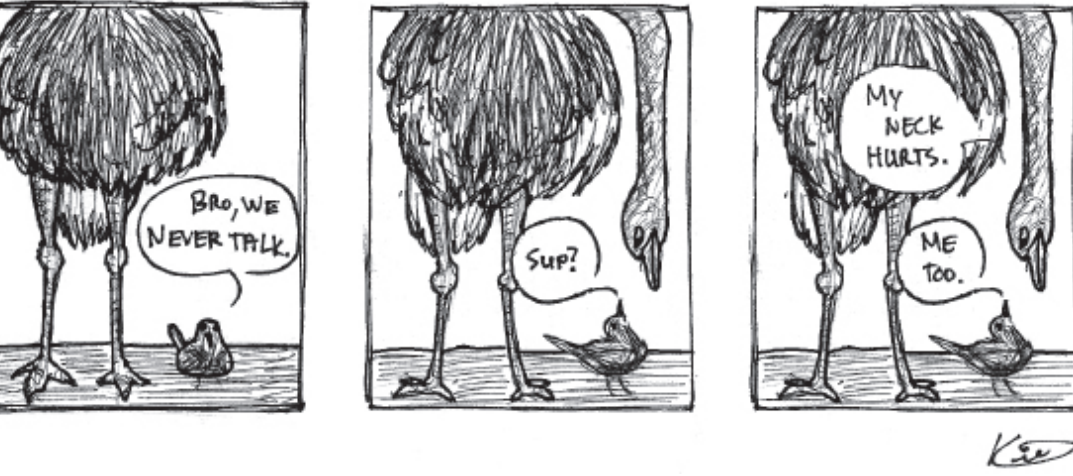
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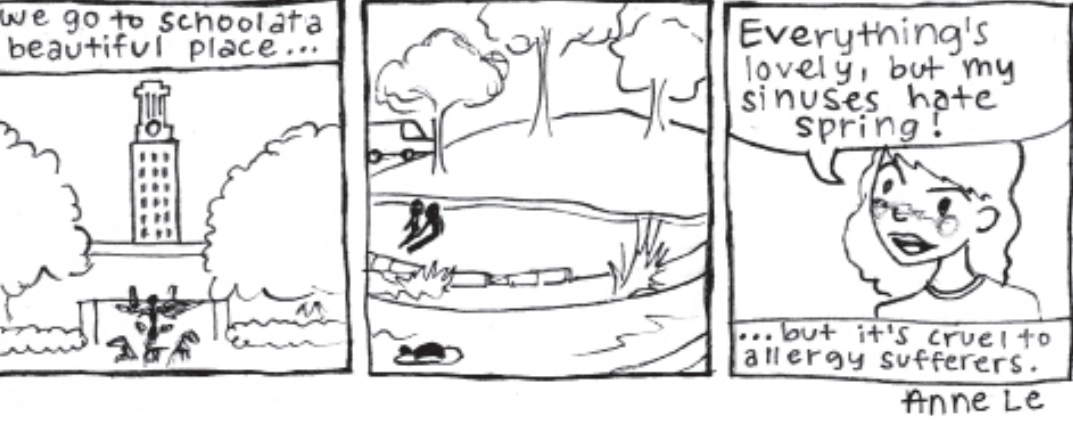
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51 Actress Zadora
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53 Joking around at a medieval tournament?
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and not try to reorganize your whole space.

Most importantly in feng shui, it's essential to de-clutter your living space.

"It's vital that we remove those items that are old, unused and broken from our living space," Davenport said. "I always encourage others to remove 27 items from your home to open up the space for something new to come in. These 27 items can come from cabinets, closets, garages or drawers."

Davenport is inclined to use the number 27 because two and seven add up to nine, which is an auspicious number for feng shui. The bagua grid, a main tool of feng shui that's used to evaluate how energy moves by vibration in a given space, has nine sections.

A good tip for those who are feeling the stress of the approaching end of the semester is to clear your study space of clutter, and you'll find yourself able to focus better. Make sure that your living space doesn't become a storage area, and since doors are associated with opportunity, leave the entrance to your room clear of any disorder.

"I'm more productive when everything is organized and neat," said multimedia journalism junior Jackie Ruth, who has an interest in feng shui. "I try to make sure my desk doesn't have anything on top of it so I can get stuff done when I need to."

A tip for any singles out there who are looking to find a mate: According to feng shui principles, if you clear out a few unused items and make way for empty space, it will create the emotional space to increase your liveliness and allow for new relationships.

"Look over your spaces and just intuitively scan it for whether it feels good or not," said feng shui consultant Amy Bourland. "If something bugs you, figure out what it is and get rid of anything that brings you down or bothers you. If you are unsure, try putting some things in a closet and see if it feels better when it is not around."

If you can't find the strength to rearrange furniture, focus on merely bringing life to your bedroom.

"Add lots of green, growing

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Feng shui consultant

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plants and think of your spaces and places as energizing and overflowing with wonderful energy," Bourland said.

While some aspects of feng shui focus on your connections with others, most are centered on improving yourself. A lot of this focus is on where you rest. If you don't have time to rearrange your entire bedroom, pay attention to some important tips for your bed to ensure the increase in energy that comes from a restful night's sleep.

Feng shui advises that you place your bed diagonally across from your bedroom door. When you have a clear view of the entrance to your room, it creates a feeling of security while you sleep, allowing you to be completely relaxed.

The foot of your bed should never point directly out of a door that leads outside of your room. Feng shui states this bed position is like a coffin and doesn't allow for even traffic to flow in and out of your room. It's also recommended that those looking for a more restful sleep get new bed pillows.

There are hundreds of feng shui tips, and it's virtually impossible to incorporate every one of them into your life, but if you try a few at a time, you may see some changes in your chi and stress levels.

"By working with the ancient feng shui principles, it allows me to manifest whatever I desire easily," Davenport said.



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the PS Vita is pretty thick (.73 in) and wide (3.289 in x 7.2 in). This is a device you'll find hard to carry in your pocket.

In order to make the PS Vita more of a multifunction device, Sony has also included some other features, such as a music player, video player, camera, Web browser and app store. The camera doesn't produce shots that would win any awards, but it works in a pinch. The Web browser works decently but does not have flash support and lags when loading image-heavy websites. The app store has all of the major apps, such as Facebook, Netflix and Twitter, though it is dwarfed by the app availability on smartphones.

The PS Vita isn't perfect; the biggest negative the device has is its battery life. The PS Vita got around four hours of playing "Uncharted" and surfing the Internet in our test. While this may be enough juice to get through playing on the bus, those who want to use their PS Vita for extended amounts of time will need to seek a power plug.

Another issue is that the PS Vita basically requires a proprietary memory card, which is not included with the device. The memory cards come in a variety of storage sizes. They are, however, relatively expensive. The cheap-

est memory card Sony sells is 4GB at \$19.99.

The PS Vita's user interface is also very cartoonish and colorful, which clashes against the PS Vita's identity as being a powerful and tough portable gaming console.

Overall, the PS Vita is one of the best portable gaming systems you can buy. It is powerful, very well-built and has more than enough bells and whistles to keep even the most hardcore of gamers happy. What limits the PS Vita from realizing its full potential is its price. At \$249.99 for the Wi-Fi model, the barrier of entry isn't low.

On top of that, the cost of purchasing a memory card and buying the games (which start at around \$39.99 per title) makes the overall cost of the PS Vita very expensive. When compared to a smartphone, which many people already own and on which games can be found for as little as \$0.99, the cost difference is huge.

While PS Vita's games are definitely much more elaborate and in-depth than most smartphones', it is up to the consumer to decide whether or not the extra gameplay is worth the much higher price tag. For hardcore gamers, the PS Vita is a must-have, but for much more casual gamers, a smartphone may be a much better option.

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Cipollina chef makes a brick oven pizza Tuesday night. Cipollina is a bistro on West Lynn Street participating in Austin Restaurant Week, which began March 25 and is running through April 4.

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encouraged to make reservations in order to ensure proceeds benefit Meals on Wheels and More, a local organization that delivers meals to elderly and disabled citizens, Oujezdsky said.

OpenTable, a partner of the event, donates some of the proceeds spent on fine dining during the week to Meals on Wheels and More if the participant has made a reservation, she said, but \$1 from every single meal goes toward the organization regardless of whether or not a reservation was made.

Thad Rosenfeld, director of

communications for Meals on Wheels and More, said the thousands of dollars raised add up quickly and make a tremendous difference in providing healthy, convenient meals to those in need.

"We can purchase, prepare and package a hot nutritious meal for our clients for about \$2.40, so it buys a whole lot of meals," he said. "It really makes sense because this is an event that celebrates fine dining in Austin, and we just hope people will sit and reflect on those who have food challenges."

Meals on Wheels and More prepares approximately 3,500 meals each day and relies on volunteers to deliver most of the meals, he said. Austin Restaurant Week has been very beneficial in raising awareness about the organization, Rosenfeld said.

"The great thing about Austin Restaurant Week is the wonderful people who put it on," he said. "They deliver meals for us, so they're on the front lines as well, and they do a great job of promoting what we do for our clients. Without a doubt, it does raise awareness for

our agency and the wonderful people we serve."

Shannen Tune, chef du cuisine and general manager at 1866 Cafe and Bakery, said his restaurant has participated in the event for several years and said Restaurant Week brings in both new tasters and loyal regulars.

"It's good for business and also helping out a good cause," he said. "Some people come here for the first time, and you do see a lot of people you don't normally see. We do see a definite increase in business during Austin Restaurant Week."

UT professor offers insight on predicting lasting relationships

By Clayton Wickam
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UT Department of Human Development and Family Sciences professor Timothy Loving stumbled into his passion for relationship research as an undergraduate here at UT. During his sophomore year, his introduction to family relationships professor asked him to be a research assistant in a relationship study that required male research assistants — he was one of the only guys in the class. In the study, Loving interviewed other men about their relationships.

"That's was it. I was hooked and have been doing that kind of thing ever since," Loving said.

Since then, Loving has studied how well friends can predict the success of relationships, as well as the health implications of a being in a happy or not-so-happy relationship. He is also the co-founder of ScienceOfRelationships.com, a website that offers expert advice to people with relationship questions and publishes articles about relationships for non-experts.

Daily Texan: How have you gone about looking at how well friends predict the success of romantic relationships?

Timothy Loving: The general idea is this: You can ask somebody how their relationship is going to get and, to some degree, people are good at forecasting what is going to happen. But there's not a whole lot of variation. If you take a sample of college students who are dating and ask them how committed they are on a scale from one to 10, the average is going to be somewhere around eight-and-a-half to nine. Everything's peaches and cream for folks.

When I was at Purdue [for my doctorate], we asked people who weren't in the relationship themselves, folks who aren't walking around with rose-colored glasses on. We asked couple's friends to complete a survey asking how committed he is on a scale from one to 10 and how committed she is. We got a feel for what they thought was likely to happen in the relationship overtime and ended up finding out that if we looked at friends' reports, that helped us to refine our prediction about what was going to happen.

What was really crazy about it is once we knew what the female partner's female friends thought was going on in the relationship, we didn't have to ask anybody else. Their reports were more accurate at predicting what was

going to happen than the people in the relationships themselves.

DT: How important are a person's friends' perceptions of their partner to the success of their relationship?

Loving: Critically important. The easiest way of thinking about is this: Nobody likes to be isolated. If we're involved in something that we care a lot about, then we like to share it with other people. If our friends and family aren't so keen on who we're with, that's going to create turmoil or imbalance.

However, there is some really fun new stuff coming out suggesting that, in the beginning, if some of our friends or, particularly, our family say, "No, I don't like that person," that might drive us to them. They call this the Romeo and Juliet Effect. But, eventually, when we're in the day-to-day of it, it's nice to have the support of the people around us.

DT: How have you studied the psychophysiology of relationships?

Loving: When I started, I worked at Ohio State studying how marriage affects health.

We brought people in and gave them standardized wounds on their arms. Then they had a discussion, and we looked at how those discussions affected how their wounds healed over time. We found that for individuals who were in more negative relationships, their wounds healed at 60 percent the rate of individuals who were in more happy, well-functioning relationships.

DT: What are some misconceptions you think people have about how relationships work or what makes a good relationship?

Loving: A common thing individuals think is that if a relationship is meant to work, they will never have arguments. That's impossible. If you watch some afternoon show, Rachael Ray or something like that, they'll have this couple on it that says they've never had an argument. It's impossible for people to coordinate their day-to-day lives and activities and not, on occasion, have conflicting ideas about what needs to happen. That's natural.

It's not about having the disagreement, it's about how we have a disagreement. Not everybody has to always be a perfect com-



Timothy Loving

Human Development and Family Sciences Professor

municator. Most people aren't. But if, most of the time, we're making an effort to be a good communicator, then that's going to be good enough.

Another one is this distinction we sometimes make with folks when we break up with them: "I love you, but I'm not in love you." We think we have to always have this strong, intense passion with somebody for the relationship to matter, for it to be real. The truth is that we're hardwired not to maintain passion. It's really hard for us to stay into somebody that much, and it takes a fair amount of work. I think a lot of folks might let some really good water flow under the bridge because of their misconceptions about what's natural about the way relationships work.



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DIY enthusiasts ignite creativity in students, organizations

By Rainy Schermerhorn
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With the recent increasing popularity of websites like Pinterest, “do it yourself,” or “DIY,” projects have inspired many students to delve into their creative side. Through the use of both online resources and personal inspiration, DIY projects have become one of the biggest rising trends among artistic veterans and the wave of Pinterest-addicted newcomers alike.

Originally gaining traction in the '70s as an offshoot of zine and punk subcultures, the resurgence of interest in DIY projects is largely because of the wide variety of resources available online. Sites such as Etsy, an online marketplace for vintage and handmade items, have encouraged aspiring artists to make a profit from their creations. Not only do these projects allow people to save money, they also encourage the development of new skills in the process of learning the odds and ends involved in these crafts.

According to a report by comScore, an online source of digital business analytics, Pinterest's traffic grew 52 percent between January and February, beating out popular sites such as YouTube and Reddit, in its total percentage of referral traffic. Between blogs, social networking and online realtors targeted specifically toward handmade creations, getting involved in DIY culture has never been easier or more accessible.

Laura Miller, journalism freshman, uses Pinterest as a source of inspiration for discovering new recipes, planning parties and anything in-between. Because the website allows for users to visually compile things they like from various sites onto what is essentially a virtual scrapbook, Miller said that Pinterest helps keep many of her ideas organized.

“I have around 25 things ‘pinned’ to my DIY board, but have only had time to do a couple,” Miller said. “I painted a monogrammed canvas to put above my bed and created a homemade wave spray for my curly hair.”



With growing online resources and personal inspiration, “do-it-yourself” projects have become a rising trend. Advertising junior Mary Rose Wiley created photo slide curtains which she featured on her DIY-inspired blog “Adventureland Austin.”

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However, DIY projects aren't limited exclusively to websites like Pinterest. Mary Rose Wiley, advertising junior, runs a DIY-inspired blog titled “Adventureland Austin.” Started in October 2011, Wiley's blog serves as a creative outlet amidst the stress of her school and work life — essentially, a balance between inspiration, motivation and obligation.

“I'll get an idea for a project in my head and I cannot sleep until I've at least attempted it,” Wiley said. “Sometimes it's a disaster, like last month when I tried to make a stamp using paint and a head of cabbage, but

other times I'll create something that I'm truly proud of.”

From photo slide curtains to vintage clothing inspired by the TV miniseries “Downton Abbey,” Wiley attributes many of her projects to inspiration she finds in her day-to-day life — from wall art created out of bottle caps collected from her job at Central Market to design blogs she follows online, such as “Design Sponge.”

Having grown up helping her dad with various projects around the house and spending countless hours watching HGTV, creating her own blog was a natural step in the

progression of her creative evolution.

“I can also definitely attribute a lot of my creativity to being raised in Austin,” Wiley said. “With such an active artistic community, I've been surrounded by cool vintage stores, art festivals and art classes my entire life.”

As some of her favorite projects involve sewing and restyling vintage fashion pieces, Wiley hopes to eventually sell clothes online.

On a university level, organizations like Strings 'N Things allow students to express their creativity through means of craft-making. Founded in fall 2011 by chemical engineering

sophomore Ashley Ross, the organization acts as a platform to connect both longtime fans of crafts to beginners looking for a place to start.

“There are so many things you can make with yarn alone,” Ross said. “Cross-stitching is extremely versatile. If you can draw a picture of something, you can cross-stitch it.”

However, one of the main goals of Strings 'N Things is to provide a sense of community among its members, with each member working on a project idea and everyone else supporting each other as they progress.

“We shared a love for knitting,

Strings 'N Things

Date: Mondays

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Location: Gender and Sexuality Center on the second floor of the Student Activities Center

which gradually grew to encompass crocheting, sewing and cross-stitching,” Ross said. “Sharing your work with someone else is indescribable and we really just wanted to create a group in which people could share their creativity.”

Applying some basic principles of the ancient Chinese art of Feng Shui can be an easy way to relieve stress. Some tips include strategic furniture placement and eliminating clutter.

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Decrease clutter, stress with feng shui tips

By Karin Samelson
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Spring is upon us, and you might find yourself weighed down by unnecessary objects or unorganized school supplies. This is the perfect time for spring cleaning. By following a few feng shui tips and tricks, you may find you can breathe easier and keep your stress levels down.

Feng shui is the Chinese art of positioning important objects to enhance the circulation of “chi,” which is often translated as air, breath or energy flows. This

practice originated over 3,000 to 6,000 years ago to balance energies in an inhabited space to guarantee good health and fortune. Feng shui became popular in the states in 1972 after Richard Nixon visited the People's Republic of China.

“When we shift or enhance the energy of a living space, that energy then supports us to attain our goals and dreams. If a living space is cluttered and messy, that is the energy working through one's life,” said Stacy Davenport, who studied with master feng shui expert Lin Yun from Beijing,

and is currently a feng shui consultant in Austin.

Stacy attributes all of her success to the feng shui that she has incorporated in her life. By rearranging the furniture according to feng shui principles, she said she became more financially successful.

According to feng shui experts, by incorporating a few tips to enhance the layout of your bedroom, you can elevate your happiness. It's best to make adjustments on a day-to-day basis

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PlayStation Vita powerful, but comes with extravagant price

By Gary Hsu
Daily Texan Staff

Though it used to be a niche market, mobile gaming is now mainstream.

Mobile gaming has been traditionally defined by Nintendo's Game Boy and Sony's PlayStation Portable (PSP), but the gaming landscape has radically changed within the last few years because of the rise of smartphones. Cheap, fun games on smartphones, such as Angry Birds, have attracted a new demographic of people that traditionally wouldn't consider themselves gamers. Consumers who traditionally bought dedicated mobile gaming consoles have begun switching to smartphones for their gaming experience.

To combat this new threat, Sony has released the PlayStation Vita, a powerhouse handheld gaming console. Though the PS Vita is one of the best new portable gaming consoles on the market, the high price for both the device and games limits its potential.

For those who often play games on their smartphones, the PS Vita's physical size may be daunting. Not only does it have a 5-inch

PlayStation Vita (PS Vita)

Sony

\$249.99 (Wi-Fi)

\$299.99 (3G+Wi-Fi)

50-inch OLED display

Physical analog sticks

Quad-core processor

touchscreen, but it also has 12 physical buttons. The device also has a rear touchpad, a motion sensor, two analog sticks, an electronic compass and front and back facing cameras.

The result of these buttons and input options provides unique gameplay that hasn't been done before. “Uncharted: Golden Abyss,” one of the PS Vita games available at launch, looks amazingly detailed on the screen and physical controls makes it a much more enjoyable experience. Having tactical feedback every time you push a button is rewarding, as it allows you to be much more accurate.

However, because of the physical buttons and huge screen,

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Austin Restaurant Week brings low-cost culinary delights

By Rachel Thompson
Daily Texan Staff

Midmorning diners sipped hot beverages and munched on breakfast selections at 1866 Cafe & Bakery on Brazos Street Tuesday morning, taking in the tasty selections of Austin Restaurant Week.

The cafe is one of many downtown Austin restaurants participating in the event, a marketing opportunity for restaurants with a philanthropic purpose, which began on March 25 and runs through April 4.

Adrienne Oujezdsky, director of operations for Austin Restaurant Week, said her first experience with the event occurred in another city just after she graduated from UT.

“I moved to New York City and found myself unable to dine anywhere because it was so expensive,” she said. “But because of Restaurant Week there, my friends and I started going out and were able to go to the places we'd never have been able to go for price-fixed meals.”

Oujezdsky became involved with Austin's version of the event once she relocated back to Texas. She said this is the fifth year Restaurant Week has taken place in Austin.



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Cipollina is one of the many restaurants participating in Austin Restaurant Week. Restaurants taking part of the event engage in a marketing opportunity by offering a variety of food choices for customers.

“It's a great way for all of the city to be involved,” she said. “Austin's a big city on supporting small, local businesses. When we put this on, we are helping out small restaurants that participate to help bring in all of Austin.”

The event is put on twice a year, once in fall and once in

spring, she said, and a wide variety of restaurants choose to participate, including the Cipollina, Roaring Fork Austin and Ruth's Chris Steak House.

Eager diners are served customized menus at all of the restaurants, with special selections and signature dishes from each

one, she said. Brunch menus range from \$16 to \$21, two-course lunch meals range from \$11 to \$16 and three-course prix-fixe dinner menus go for \$26 to \$36, she said.

Participants in the event are

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